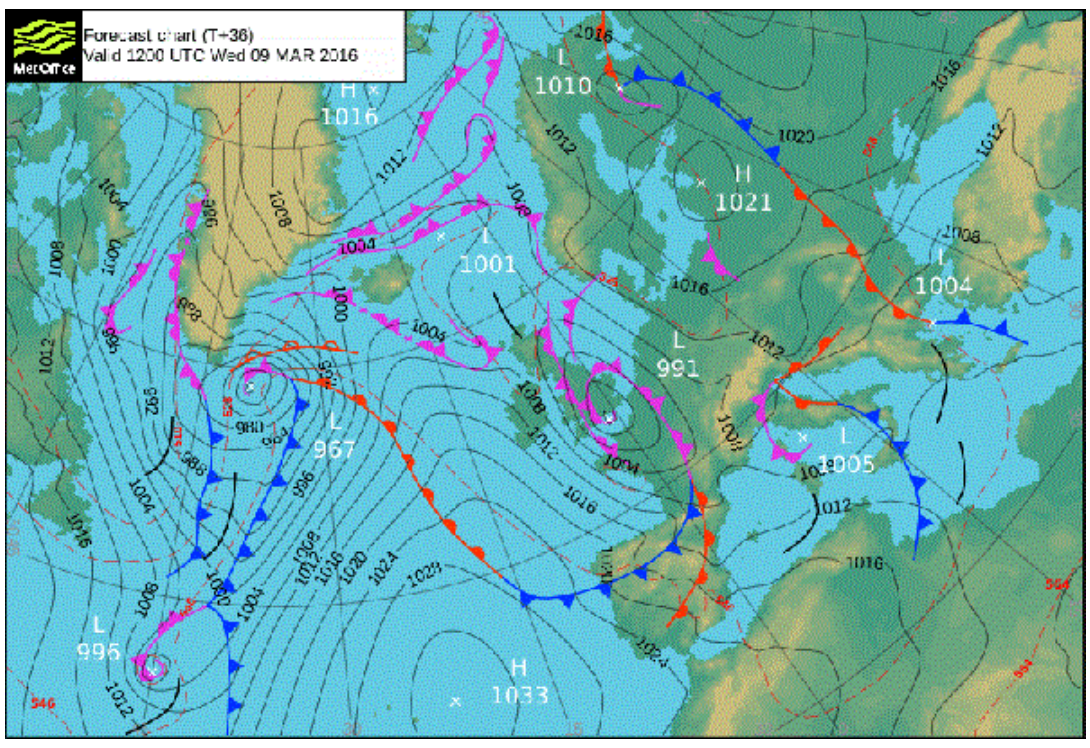
8 March 2016 - Wet and windy weather for some mid-week, then gradually turning more settled and also milder towards the weekend

So far this month it has been rather cold with temperatures often below average for the time of year. We have also had some wet weather and many parts saw snow at the end of last week and into the weekend.

Over the next few days we are going to see more of the same. **Tuesday** will be rather cloudy across the south of the UK with outbreaks of rain, while brighter, showery weather spreads into the north of the country. A spell of very unsettled, windy weather is then expected for the south Tuesday night into **Wednesday**.

Chief Operational Meteorologist Will Lang said: "An area of low pressure is expected to track eastwards across southern parts of the UK Tuesday night into Wednesday, clearing slowly eastwards during the day. This will bring heavy, persistent rain across southern and central areas with hill snow, and even the chance of some sleet and snow to lower levels in places. There will also be some strong winds making it feel very unpleasant at times. Gales are likely in places, and these could be severe for a time in the southwest. There is likely to be some localised flooding and disruption to transport, with coastal areas also seeing some large waves."

Severe weather warnings for rain and wind have been issued for parts of southern England and Wales. Keep up to date with what's happening in your area with our Seven day forecast, Facebook and Twitter pages and using our App.

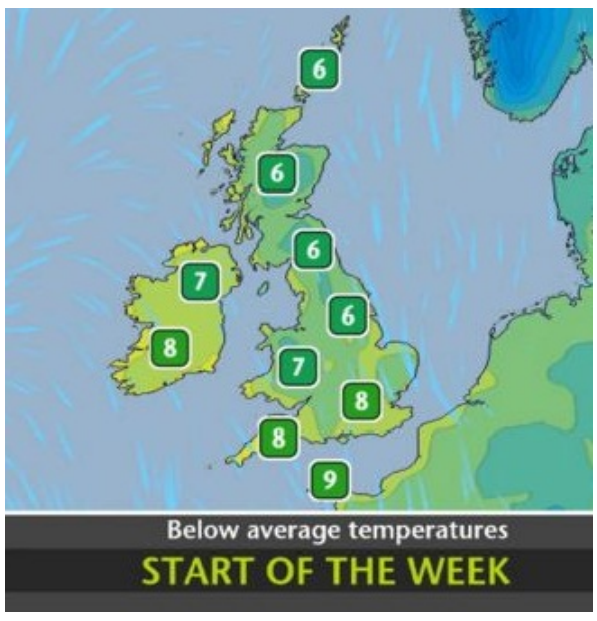


Pressure chart for midday Wednesday 9 March 2016

Further north on Wednesday we will see bright spells and showers, some wintry, and it will be rather cold. Many places will see some brightness on **Thursday** before further cloud and rain slowly edge into northern and western parts. However, temperatures should start to rise for most.

The milder conditions are due to a change in the direction of flow from where our weather will be coming from. Over recent weeks we have been in either an arctic maritime or polar maritime air mass with the flow coming from a northerly direction. Later this week, milder topical maritime air from the west or southwest is likely to arrive.

Friday should be milder for many with temperatures widely into double figures Celsius. It will be rather cloudy though and some rain is likely, especially in the north and west. The milder conditions should stick with us into the weekend at least, with many places likely to be dry.



Maximum temperatures to start the week

Maximum temperatures by the weekend

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